

Reinstatement of ADG(ARIS) in ICAR

3837. SHRI R.N. ARYA:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 Members of Parliament, on different dates from March 1 to 29, 2001 wrote to the Prime Minister, requesting for reinstatement of Assistant Director General (ARIS) and others of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, who have been removed/transferred from their posts by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the action taken on the above request;

(c) whether there is any delay in taking action on the above request;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) whether CBI enquiry would be ordered by PM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Appropriate action has already been taken by sending replies to the Hon'ble MPs apprising them of the facts of the case and its present status.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

FDI in Pharmaceutical Sector

3838. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to allow 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the pharmaceutical sector through automatic route;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the impact of the increase of FDI from 74 per cent to